FY 2014 HUD SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings and welcome to the HUD Southeast Regional Highlights Review of Fiscal Year (FY) 2014. Fiscal Year 2014 was indeed a year of continued accomplishment building on the momentum and successes of FY 2013. The projects portrayed in the Southeast Region 2014 Review are listed on a state by state basis and are indicative of the type of work we do but are not all inclusive. We invite you to review the highlighted stories and go to the respective state website



link to explore and learn how HUD is also helping bring meaningful platforms of hope to those we serve, while also being good stewards of the environment. As you visit the HUD state websites, please take a moment to note that there are helpful topics which may be of benefit to you, your family, and your community as well. You may also follow what is going on in your state, the region and nationally by following us on Twitter @HUDSoutheast. We are extraordinarily excited about what we have accomplished this year with the help of our partners and are looking forward to an even more productive and meaningful 2015 as we approach the 50th Anniversary of HUD. As always your feedback about this review is important to us so please feel free to contact us with your thoughts at GA Webmanager@hud.gov. Thank you again for reading the HUD Southeast Regional Highlights Review of FY 2014 and we appreciate the opportunity to share our success stories with you. -Ed Jennings, Jr.

> HARP OUTREACH EVENT HITS **ATLANTA**

NEW LOUISVILLE HOMEBUYER

FHA 80TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNIZES



of partners joined FHA homebuyer Myra Woodard at her new home to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of FHA. It was a long, hard struggle for her to transition from public housing to homeownership, but with the support of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority, the HUD Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and HUDapproved housing counseling her dream has become a reality. FHA has opened doors to homeownership for over 40 million families since 1934, providing an affordable way

to build wealth and plant roots in their community. Read the full article

SOUTH FLORIDIANS READY TO BE **HOMEOWNERS**

MIAMI, FL—If you are thinking about buying a home, we have information



that can help. Talk to one of our housing counselors! On June 28th, over 300 potential homebuyers learned about affordable, efficient paths to home ownership at a Homebuyer expo in Miramar, Florida. Attendees received information from several presenters, lenders, partners, and non-profit agencies for programs on

financing, housing assistance, and fair housing. Read the full article ATLANTA'S BETMAR VILLAGE FIRST



the project sponsor National Church Residences to bring the project to fruition. The Betmar Village property consists of 36 HUD units and 12 low income housing tax credit units and is located in an Empowerment Zone in two longtime Atlanta neighborhoods of Betmar and Joyland. The Betmar Village project is an example of how several organizations combined their diverse resources to successfully develop multifamily housing. Read the full article JACKSONVILLE RESIDENTS SHAPE THEIR 2025 DESTINY

JACKSONVILLE, FL-JAX2025 is a civic driven initiative created to decide to-

day what kind of community

cy and education.



menting them. HUD joined JAX2025 and has engaged

to help stabilize low-income families via financial litera-

Read the full article

INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS IN GRUNDY COUNTY

KNOXVILLE, TN-Most recently Ed Ellis, Knoxville

Field Office Director, participated in a healthcare and

wellness meeting at the Grundy County Historical Socie-

ty Building in Tracy City, Tennessee. This isolated Appa-

lachian region is situated between the metropolitan

areas of Nashville and Chattanooga, and has some of

the highest levels of poverty in the state, ranking 95th out of 95 counties in Tennessee. HUD's Sustainability

Office, the local HUD Office, and EPA representatives met in order to share expertise on dealing with Brown-

fields and Sustainability issues.

Read the full article LET IT RAIN! - HUD FUNDS FOR STURDY HOMES SAN JUAN, PR-When it comes to tropical storms and hurricanes, Puerto Ricans are ready. And for a large percentage of the low income population there is a lot to do after, because their homes are not storm re-

sistant. This is why when Puerto Rico's Housing Finance Authority decided to use HOME funds to build concrete homes with modern designs, the idea was welcome. Six

Read the full article MEMPHIS HUD STAFF CONNECTS TO

ject Homeless Connect 5 at the Cook Convention Cen-

ter in downtown Memphis. The massive event, spon-

sored in part by FedEx, brought hundreds of homeless

homes have been built in different areas of the island.



MEMPHIS, Memphis Field Policy Management and PM Public and Housing staff joined the September 18, 2014 Pro-

TN-

together with hundreds of community volunteers. Virtually every service organization in the City took part. The event brought together key providers and provided

critical services which included 142 identifications issued; 369 homeless were screened for housing services and 105 approved; 115 were seen by medical professionals, as well as other services. Read the full article

ATLANTA, GA—The Federal Housing Fi-

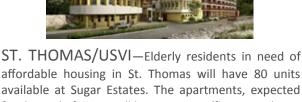
nance Agency (FHFA) hosted an outreach event to reach home-



joined housing experts and community leaders to include HUD Southeast Regional Administrator Ed Jennings, Jr. in a town hall meeting that highlighted the benefits of HARP for home ownership preservation and provided tools to help community leaders encourage the more than 34,000 Atlanta area residents still eligible to participate to take advantage of HARP. These eligible borrowers could save as much as \$2,000 each per year by refinancing their mortgage. Read the full article

ST. THOMAS - SUGAR ESTATES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SENIORS IN



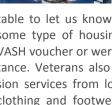
for the end of 2015, will have energy efficient appliances, ample storage, living, dining and kitchen areas, and will be adaptable for persons with disabilities. HUD San Juan Field Office staff recently joined the Governor of the Virgin Islands, island legislators, and executives from the Virgin Islands Housing Authority to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new housing de-

velopment. This \$31 million community will provide social services with emphasis on wellness and resident empowerment through independent living. Read the full article **2014 TRIAD VETERANS STAND DOWN**

GREENSBORO, NC—It was an awesome 2014 Triad Veterans Stand Down in Greensboro

IN GREENSBORO

on September 26! Several vet-



erans visited the HUD housing table to let us know that they have already received some type of housing assistance, Housing Choice or VASH voucher or were in the process of receiving assistance. Veterans also received medical, dental and vision services from local agencies as well as haircuts,

clothing and footwear, personal care items and hot meals and refreshments. Read the full article **HUD OFFERS SUPPORT TO** CHALLENGED NORTH BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM,

Environmental

Birmingham Interagency Work Group has engaged fed-

visible difference in North Birmingham areas impacted

by environmental concerns and degradation.

and fair lending in Mississippi for a long time. HUD's Fair Housing Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons and

Use It!".



eral, state, local governments and community leaders to help the citizens of North Birmingham overcome the impact of years of living in the shadow of major indus-

Through the efforts of the U.S.

Agency and HUD, the North

AL-

Protection

Read the full article 25 YEARS FIGHTING FOR FAIR **LENDING IN MISSISSIPPI** JACKSON, MS—Housing, Education and Economic Development has been supporting fair housing

Jerrie Magruder, HUD's Mississippi Field Office Director were proud to be among the speakers at HEED's 25th

Annual Fair Housing, Fair Lending Conference that celebrated with HUD's theme "Fair Housing Is Your Right: "Let's Talk Fair Housing" set the tone for the day. This very much welcomed presentation began with an overview of Fair Housing and a video presentation entitled, A Matter of Place video with recent decisions that

Read the full article **HUD FUNDING—RUNNING OFF BLIGHT AND CRIME IN RACEPATH**

HUD negotiated or prevailed upon through litigation.

a proud history and tradition as one of the oldest African-American communities in the County. Many of the founding families originated in other sections of Myrtle

COLUMBIA, SC-Racepath is a Horry County community encircled within Myrtle Beach, S.C. that boasts

Beach, and as the beach area developed these families "had to race over to a new neighborhood," said community leader Rev. William Gause. "And that's how it Today, Racepath residents continue to struggle with poverty and a substandard infrastructure. To support needs in Racepath and other areas, Horry County Council approved nearly \$300,000 in 2013-

4000th house built in Tennesee

with a wall raising ceremony.

Read the full article HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ON **VETERAN'S DAY** NASHVILLE, TN-In September, Habitat for Humanity celebrated the beginning of its

14 HUD Community Development Block Grant funds

Congratulations to the selected homebuyer Harold Allen, a local Vietnam Veteran and native of Franklin, TN. Over 70 supporters came to mark this important milestone, including Franklin Mayor Dr. Ken Moore; County Mayor, and representatives from the Federal Home

got named Racepath."

for Housing Rehabilitation.

Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, USDA-Rural Development, HUD Tennessee Office Directors, Habitat for Humanity, Eco-Energy, and American Legion 215. Read the full article



owners who could benefit from the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP). FHFA Director Mel Watt

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